

City Manager's Office

September 15, 2015

To: City Council
From: City Manager
Re: Weekly Report

Legal Department

- Legal filed a condemnation petition on Friday, 9/12 for property needed from Safeway at South 216th just west of the Pacific Highway intersection for the Gateway Segment 1A project.
- Our public defenders contract expires at the end of 2015 and we are starting the process of negotiating a new agreement.
- Legal worked with the Marina to clear title on an abandoned boat that has been sitting in the Marina for months. Paralegal Peter Ruppert worked with the bank that had a lien on the boat to get the lien removed. We can now move forward with disposing of the boat.

Police Department

- The Police Department held another “Coffee with a Cop” on Monday, 9/14 at the MaST Center in Redondo. Approximately 12 residents participated. The event lasted 3 hours and, according to the Chief, was one of the best “Coffee with a Cop” they’ve had.
- On September 24th, our School Resources Officer Justin Cripe will be holding a safety meeting for parents of students who attend Mount Rainier High School. The meeting will be held at MRHS from 6-7 p.m. Officer Ripe is working with MRHS to get the word out to parents.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

- Work on the Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services Master Plan continues. A briefing is scheduled for the Municipal Facilities Committee at its September 24th meeting, with a final briefing to the Committee scheduled for October 22nd.
- Patrice is working on setting up a meeting of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Planning, Building, and Public Works Department

- SEPA work on the Temporary Homeless Encampment Ordinance is almost complete, pending final input from the Finance and Economic Development Committee. In order to make the November 5th public hearing date, the SEPA decision must be issued by October 7th to allow the comment period and appeal period to be complete before the hearing.
- Our Code Enforcement Officer will be out on a leave of absence starting Monday, September 21st, with a scheduled return date of November 30th. Staff is splitting up her duties to cover as much of her work load as possible but there are some complaints that will receive delayed response.
- Interviews to fill our vacant Planner II position (Nikole Coleman left for a position with Seattle) are scheduled for the end of this week.
- Staff continues to review the over 100 resumes received for our Community Development Assistant position authorized by Council in July.
- The Woodmont Recover Campus draft design review decision will be officially published on Thursday, September 17th. Notices have been sent to all address in the City and will be sent to addresses in Kent and Federal Way in the area west of I-5, south of Kent-Des Moines Road and north of South 288th Street and to all families who have children who attend Woodmont Elementary School.
- Design of the Redondo Boardwalk is at the 30% level, right on schedule.
- There is a small pavement repair that needs to be made on the south side of the Salt Water Park Bridge. The repair will be made sometime the week of September 21st. The bridge will not be closed. One lane of traffic will be open at all times.

Economic Development

- The vacant property north of McDonalds on Pacific Highway South in the Pacific Ridge neighborhood has been purchased. We are told that the buyer wants to build a mixed use project of some sort.